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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT	
TOPIC <u>Soviet Troop Trains</u>		
EVALUATION <u>[REDACTED]</u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u>[REDACTED]</u>	25X1
DATE OF CONTENT <u>[REDACTED]</u>		
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PAGES <u>4</u>	ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) <u>[REDACTED]</u>	
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This is UNEVALUATED Information		
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C/B - converted boxcar  
 B - boxcar  
 F - flatcar

1. Cars to be made available from the Berlin-Rummelsburg railroad carpentry shop between 8 and 23 October 1953 included: 25X1

<u>Date in October</u>	<u>Number of Cars</u>	<u>Assembling Station</u>
8	28 C/B	Rathenow
9	28 C/B	"
	34 C/B	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	10 C/B	Pankow
13	21 kitchen cars	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
	8 C/B	"
	16 C/B	Neuruppin
15	46 C/B	Jueterbog-Altes Lager
23	8 C/B	Dallgow-Doeberitz

2. [REDACTED] 25X1  
 a train of 38 cars with 27 tanks and 5 trucks from Peitz to Wuensdorf; 2  
 and another train of 52 cars with tanks from Schwepnitz to Leisnig. 3 25X1

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3. On 11 October, a Soviet column of 50 trucks with troops, 25 field guns and 15 AT guns marched from Peitz toward Drehkau.<sup>4</sup>

4. On 14 October, a troop train of 14 flatcars with tanks, [redacted] passed through the Muellrose railroad station. The train came from Grunow and went to Frankfurt/Oder.<sup>5</sup>

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5. On 15 October, an empty shuttle-train for transportation of personnel was observed at the Guben railroad station. The train was en route from Cottbus to Frankfurt/Oder.<sup>1</sup>

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
16	51 B; empty	Jueterkog-Altes Lager	Kuestrin
17	12 C/B, 37 F	Neudietendorf	Rathenow
	44 B	Cottbus	Greifswald district
	10 C/B, 2 B, 38 F	Neudietendorf	Rathenow
18	10 C/B, 2 B, 32 F	"	"
	11 C/B, 1 B, 40 F	"	"
	60 cars	Erfurt	Wuensdorf
	35 "	"	Drewitz
	5 "	"	Wildpark
	50 "	"	Potsdam
	9 B, 40 F	Neudietendorf	Rathenow
	54 cars	"	"
		"	Berlin district
19	40 cars	Erfurt district	Potsdam
	37 "	"	"
	66 "	"	"
	32 "	"	"

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Date in October	Composition of Troop Trains	From	To
19	14 cars	Erfurt district	Drewitz
	15 "	"	"
	29 "	"	Brandenburg
	39 "	"	"
	34 "	"	Wildpark
20	54 C/B.	Weimar	Kuestrin
	59 C/B	Dresden	Frankfurt/Oder

Shuttle-train)  
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7. By order of the Soviet transportation control headquarters, the following railroad cars were to be made available on 20 and 22 October: 25X1

Date in October	Number of Cars	Assembling Station	Receiving Station
20	40 C/B	Frankfurt/Oder	-
	20 C/B	Satzkorn	Bad Freienwalde
	1 C/B, 5 B, 3 F	Oranienburg	Ellerholz
22	40	Frankfurt/Oder	-

8. [redacted] on about 17 October, large troop movements were to be started in the Erfurt railroad district. A total of 43 troop trains was to be made available, including 8 trains for the Berlin railroad district. 25X1

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1. [redacted] Comment. The converted boxcars reported in paragraphs 1 and 7 probably were assembled to be used for shuttle-trains to the USSR and, in East Germany, for the exchange of personnel which started in mid-October 1953. [redacted] shuttle-train [redacted] was to be made available at Jueterbog-Altes Lager on 16 October 1953. [redacted] As it is believed that, following the beginning of the repatriation in mid-October 1953, all eastbound trains leaving East Germany were occupied by discharges, it is doubted that the above train should have been empty. The shuttle-train [redacted] which possibly carried replacements, and the shuttle-trains [redacted] are reported for the first time. The empty shuttle-train reported in paragraph 5 cannot be identified. 25X1

2. [redacted] Comment. On the morning of 13 October 1953, 18 JS-3 tanks and about 19 trucks were parked at the Wuensdorf railroad station. [redacted] On 16 October 1953, about 60 tanks were observed [redacted] in [redacted] at a new barracks installation located east of Highway No 96 and just south of Camp Zossen. [redacted] In connection with the troop train from Peitz, it is believed that a tank unit of the 9th Mecc Div, possibly the 80th Gds Hq Tank Bn Pzgt, moved to the Wuensdorf area. It can be assumed that, for its permanent protection, the Hq GONG intends to rotate a tank unit in this area. 25X1

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3. [ ] Comment. On 12 October 1953, probably contingents of the 64th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div were reshipped to Leisnig. 25X1
4. [ ] Comment. The troops probably belonged to a component of the 9th Mecz Div which, on 11 October 1953, returned to the Sachsendorfer Kaserne at the southern perimeter of Cottbus on the road to Drebkau. [ ] 25X1
5. [ ] Comment. The troop train carried tanks of the 84th Gds Hvy Tank SP Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div which were unloaded at Frankfurt/Oder. [ ] 25X1
6. [ ] Comment. The troop trains carried units of the IV Arty Corps and signal units of the GOFG which returned to their home stations after termination of the fall maneuvers in the area of the Eighth Gds Army. [ ] Some of the above trains were reported in the reference report; the shipment-record numbers, however, and the unloading station did not correspond with the present report. As movements of the 124th Hvy How Arty Brig (US) from Brandenburg to Thuringia were not observed, it appears improbable that troops were detrained at Brandenburg. 25X1

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